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In re Application of: TRIPATHY, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/580,516  
Filing Date: May 25, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2141  
Examiner: Melvin H. Pollack  
Title: **ELEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH  
AUTOMATIC REMOTE BACKUP OF  
NETWORK ELEMENTS LOCAL STORAGE**

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.